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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH INDIAN DCM

1. INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN, ACCOMPANIED BY NEW POLITICAL OFFICER R.V. RAJAN, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON OCTOBER 29. NEA/INS OFFICERS KUX AND BROWN SAT IN.

2. AT INDIAN REQUEST, ATHERTON REVIEWED CURRENT STATUS OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE STRESSED OUR VIEW THAT PROCESS MUST CONTINUE, AND WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS TO SEE HOW THINGS CAN BE MOVED FORWARD. VENKATESWARAN ASKED FOR BRIEF ON SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA, AND ATHERTON PROMISED TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH AN INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFICER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. ATHERTON NOTED THAT CURRENTLY INDO-US BILATERAL  
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RELATIONS WERE GOOD. VENKATESWARAN AGREED, NOTING THAT

WORK WAS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY SINCE THE CHAVAN VISIT. ATHERTON THEN RAISED KOREAN UN ISSUE WITH VENKATESWARAN, EXPRESSING OUR STRONG HOPE THAT INDIA WOULD VOTE AGAINST ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA (REF STATE 254968), AND NOTING THAT WE WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY AT HOW NATIONS VOTE ON THAT RESOLUTION. INDIAN DCM THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE PROSPECT OF SHIFTING INDIA FROM ABSTENTION.

ATHERTON ALSO EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION OF POSSIBLE PASSAGE OF "ZIONISM IS RACISM" RESOLUTION. VENKATESWARAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ATHERTON'S CANDID EXPOSITION ON THIS POINT BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON PROSPECT OF CHANGE IN INDIAN POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION.

4. INDIANS HANDED OVER TWO AIDE-MEMOIRE, ONE URGING US SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF DR. S.P. JAGOTA FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION (REF NEW DELHI A-336, OCTOBER 17, 1975), AND ONE ASKING US TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF COMMERCE EXPORT LICENSE FOR TWO HIGH-SPEED CAMERA TURPINES. ATHERTON SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO BOTH MATTERS. (SEPARATE MESSAGE TO NEW DELHI WILL REPORT ON LATTER.) KISSINGER

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